

CLAIMS AMENDMENTS

Please amend Claims 3-5 and 9-11, cancel Claims 1-2, 6-8 and 13-18, and add Claims 19-32 as indicated:

1 – 2. (cancelled)

3. (currently amended) ~~The computer system as set forth in Claim 2, A computer system comprising:~~

a mechanical keyboard;

a touch screen; and

a [[wherein said]] keyboard type determination division that prompts a user to press a predetermined key [[placed]] located in a position that is unique [[to the]] for that predetermined key in a unique key layout of the mechanical keyboard mounted on the system, and determines the type of the key layout of said keyboard based on the position of the pressed key, wherein pressing the predetermined key identifies the unique key layout of the mechanical keyboard, and wherein a same unique key layout is displayed on the touch screen.

4. (currently amended) ~~A computer system, comprising:~~

~~a display device having a touch panel function and displaying an on-screen keyboard used for input of a password;~~

~~memory storing data of said on-screen keyboard; and~~

~~a CPU for processing a password inputted by using said on-screen keyboard,~~

~~wherein said touch panel displays said on-screen keyboard based on the data read from said memory at the time of starting up a system.~~

The computer system of claim 3, wherein the predetermined key is a Z key, and wherein the position of the Z key identifies the mechanical keyboard as being laid out for one of the languages English, French or German.

5. (currently amended) ~~The computer system as set forth in of Claim 4 further comprising a mechanical keyboard apart from the on-screen keyboard displayed on said display device, wherein said on-screen keyboard displayed on said touch panel has a key layout of the same type~~

as said keyboard a CPU for processing a password inputted from the keyboard displayed on the touch screen, wherein the CPU makes an input signal from the on-screen keyboard displayed on the touch panel replicate an input signal from the mechanical keyboard, thereby processing the inputted password.

6 – 8. (cancelled)

9. (currently amended) ~~The computer system as set forth in Claim 8 of Claim 3,~~
wherein ~~said display device is a flat panel display device~~ the touch screen is capable of,
as a concealer of said keyboard, covering the keyboard by positioning it on the keyboard
with its back face facing said keyboard, ~~and~~
~~at the time of starting up the system, inputs a password by using the touch panel~~
~~function of said display device without moving said display device from its position on~~
~~said keyboard.~~

10. (currently amended) ~~A method of generating an on-screen keyboard displayed on the~~
~~display device as an input device for a computer system, comprising the steps of comprising:~~
prompting a user to press a predetermined key placed in a position that is unique ~~[[to]]~~
for that predetermined key in the unique key layout of ~~[[the]] a mechanical keyboard of~~
~~the keys of the keyboard~~ provided for ~~[[said]] a~~ computer system;
identifying the type of the unique key layout of said keyboard based on the position of
the pressed key; and
generating an on-screen keyboard having a key layout of the same type as said keyboard
according to the results of identifying the type of said key layout.

11. (currently amended) ~~The method of generating an on-screen keyboard as set forth in~~
~~Claim 10, wherein said step of prompting a user to press~~ ~~[[a]] the predetermined key~~ comprises a
step of presenting to the user a message prompting to press a Z key on said keyboard, and
wherein said step of identifying the type of the key layout comprises a step of identifying the
type of the key layout of the keyboard based on the position of the pressed Z key, and wherein
the position of the Z key identifies the key layout of the keyboard as that for only one language

selected from the group of English, French and German.

12. (original) The method of generating an on-screen keyboard as set forth in Claim 10, wherein said step of identifying the type of the key layout of the keyboard comprises a step of determining the position of the pressed key based on scan code associated with the position of the pressed key.

13 – 18. (cancelled)

19. (new) A method comprising:

identifying a keyboard location for a specific key, the keyboard location for the specific key being unique to a language dependent keyboard;

prompting a user to press the specific key on a mechanical keyboard associated with a computer;

in response to the specific key being pressed, identifying a particular language dependent keyboard according to the keyboard location of the specific key; and

displaying the language dependent keyboard on a touch screen associated with the computer.

20. (new) The method of claim 19, wherein the specific key is the Z key, and wherein the location of the Z key determines if the language dependent keyboard is for German, English or French.

21. (new) The method of claim 19, wherein the specific key is the W key, and wherein the location of the W key determines if the language dependent keyboard is for English or French.

22. (new) The method of claim 19, wherein the specific key is the W key, and wherein the location of the W key determines if the language dependent keyboard is for German or French.

23. (new) The method of claim 19, wherein the specific key is the Y key, and wherein the location of the Y key determines if the language dependent keyboard is for English or German.

24. (new) The method of claim 19, wherein the specific key is the Y key, and wherein the location of the Y key determines if the language dependent keyboard is for French or German.

25. (new) A computer program product residing on a computer usable medium, the computer program product comprising:

program code for identifying a keyboard location for a specific key, the keyboard location for the specific key being unique to a language dependent keyboard;

program code for prompting a user to press the specific key on a mechanical keyboard associated with a computer;

program code for, in response to the specific key being pressed, identifying a particular language dependent keyboard according to the keyboard location of the specific key; and

program code for displaying the language dependent keyboard on a touch screen associated with the computer.

26. (new) The computer program product of claim 25, wherein the specific key is the Z key, and wherein the location of the Z key determines if the language dependent keyboard is for German, English or French.

27. (new) A computer system comprising:

means for identifying a keyboard location for a specific key, the keyboard location for the specific key being unique to a language dependent keyboard;

means for prompting a user to press the specific key on a mechanical keyboard associated with a computer;

means for in response to the specific key being pressed, identifying a particular language dependent keyboard according to the keyboard location of the specific key; and

means for displaying the language dependent keyboard on a touch screen associated with the computer.

28. (new) The computer system of claim 27, wherein the specific key is the Z key, and wherein the location of the Z key determines if the language dependent keyboard is for German,

English or French.

29. (new) The computer system of claim 27, wherein the specific key is the W key, and wherein the location of the W key determines if the language dependent keyboard is for English or French.

30. (new) The computer system of claim 27, wherein the specific key is the W key, and wherein the location of the W key determines if the language dependent keyboard is for German or French.

31. (new) The computer system of claim 27, wherein the specific key is the Y key, and wherein the location of the Y key determines if the language dependent keyboard is for English or German.